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PENNSYLVANIA EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

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SPRING STATISTICS CONTINUE TO BE FAVORABLE UNEMPLOYMENT DOWN...EMPLOYMENT UP IN APRIL

April labor force data adjusted for seasonal influences and released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, reveal declining joblessness among Commonwealth residents coupled with a substantial rise in the number of Pennsylvanians working. Throughout the state during the mid-April report week, 307,000 residents were reported unemployed, a decline of 19,000 since March and 98,000 less than were without jobs one year ago. This downward movement in the volume of unemployment caused the statewide jobless rate to drop back to 5.5 percent, a figure equal to that attained in February and the lowest April jobless figure since 1974 when 4.3 percent of Pennsylvania's work force were jobless. One year ago a substantially higher rate of 7.1 percent was recorded. During April Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continued to compare quite favorably with the national rate of 6.3 percent.

Total unemployment, not adjusted for seasonality, persisted in decline for the third consecutive month falling to 295,000 in April, a drop of 45,000 since March. One year ago there were 393,000 unemployed Commonwealth residents. Reacting to the 64,000 reduction in statewide joblessness since January, the unadjusted unemployment rate decreased 1.1 percentage points to 5.4 percent in April.

Resident employment, with seasonal adjustment, rose to 5,238,000 in April from 5,204,000 in March, a gain of 34,000. This much-welcomed rise follows two successive months of decline, but employment volume is 58,000 off the year-ago total.

Employment, not adjusted for seasonal influences, rose by 58,000 since March to attain an April level of 5,164,000. The most recent rise is more than normally occurs during the March-April time frame and could be a signal of some renewed strength in Pennsylvania's economy. Since a single month's data can be suspect, more information is necessary before any conclusions can be drawn.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT INCREASES BY 105,400 JOBS SINCE APRIL 1986

Nonfarm wage and salary employment increased by 105,400 since April, 1986, to reach 4,880,300, approaching the all-time high of 4,899,900 set in June, 1979. This represents the third straight monthly rise in nonfarm jobs. The April employment volume was 73,200 higher than the month-ago figure. With an increase of 69,100, nonmanufacturing industries dominated the April job expansion while manufacturing had a gain of 3,600 jobs over the month.

Nonmanufacturing industries reached an all-time high of 3,842,800 in April. The service and miscellaneous industry line, which includes jobs in areas such as: hotels, personal business, recreation, health and legal services, posted the largest gain with 24,400 jobs added to the roles. Employment gains were also noted in contract construction which increased by 23,400, out-pacing the normal March- to-April gain. All other nonmanufacturing industries posted small gains with the exception of miscellaneous services (engineering, architectural, noncommercial research, accounting, and bookkeeping).

The Commonwealth's manufacturing industries reported 1,035,500 jobs, up from the previous month's total. However, over the year manufacturing has receded by 16,700 jobs. During the March-April time frame, employment improvements were noted in lumber and wood products (+1,400) and primary metal industries (+1,900). Job gains within the primary metals industries, more specifically blast furnaces and basic steel, were primarily the result of workers being recalled to their jobs following settlement of a labor-management dispute.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS DECLINE DURING APRIL

The average weekly earnings of Pennsylvania's manufacturing production workers declined by $3.52 during April. While average hourly earnings increased over the month by 6 cents, the average weekly hours for April dipped by 0.6 hour, resulting in the reduction of the weekly earnings.

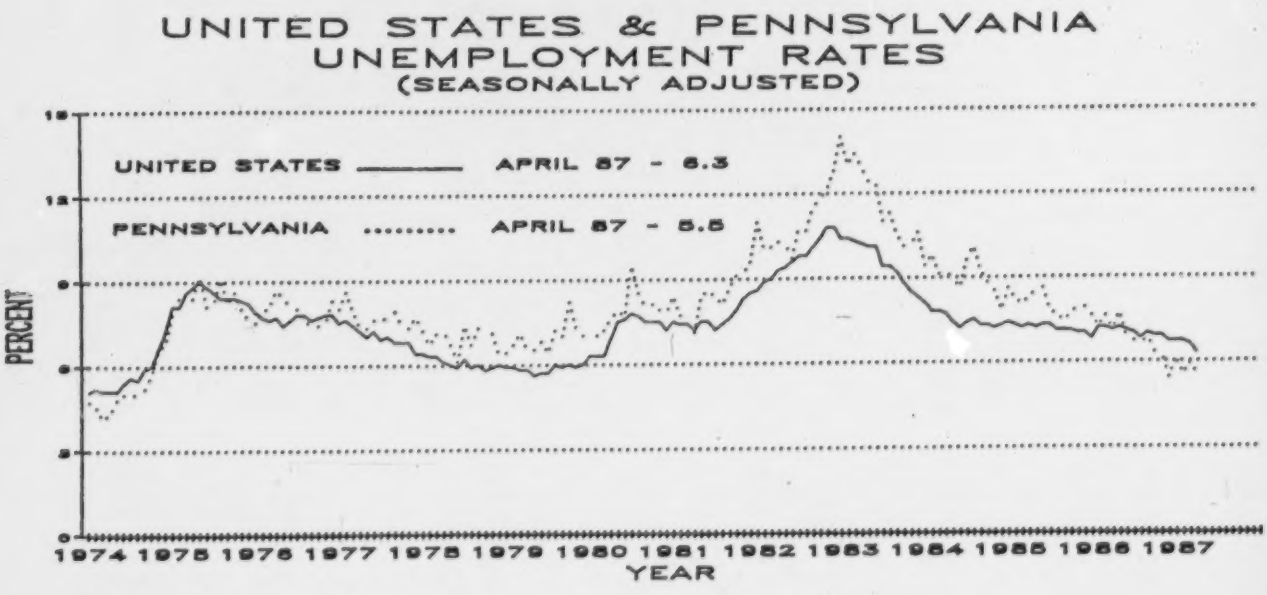
BUREAU OF COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
In cooperation with the United States Department of Labor

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
(All Persons in Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA*	APRIL 1987	MARCH 1987	APRIL 1986	NET CHANGE FROM: MARCH 1987	NET CHANGE FROM: APRIL 1986
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,545	5,530	5,701	15.0	-156.0
Employment	5,238	5,204	5,296	34.0	-58.0
Unemployment	307	326	405	-19.0	-98.0
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.5	5.9	7.1	-0.4	-1.6
UNADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,459	5,446	5,607	13.0	-148.0
Employment	5,164	5,106	5,214	58.0	-50.0
Unemployment	295	340	393	-45.0	-98.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	6.2	7.0	-0.8	-1.6

* Reflects BLS, USDOL annual revision to State data issued February 6, 1987.

NOTE: Labor Force data may not add due to rounding.


UNITED STATES & PENNSYLVANIA
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
UNITED STATES ——— APRIL 87 - 6.3
PENNSYLVANIA ..... APRIL 87 - 5.5
PERCENT
1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987
YEAR

FOOTNOTES:

P/ Data are preliminary and subject to revision.
Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor managements disputes.
Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included in industry line detail but are included in nonagricultural wage and salary totals.
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data in this release have been revised to first quarter 1985 benchmarks and are, therefore, not strictly comparable with figures published prior to March 1986.
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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT

MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL

PENNSYLVANIA: APRIL 1987, MARCH 1987, APRIL 1986

(Employment in Thousands)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	APRIL 1987 P/	MARCH 1987	APRIL 1986	(--NET CHANGE--) FROM MARCH 1987	FROM APRIL 1986
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	4,880.3	4,807.1	4,774.9	73.2	105.4
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1,035.5	1,031.9	1,052.2	3.6	-16.7
DURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	587.9	584.1	601.7	3.8	-13.8
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	28.6	27.2	25.7	1.4	2.9
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	20.4	20.4	20.1	0.0	0.3
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	47.5	46.7	47.0	0.8	0.5
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	89.5	87.6	94.3	1.9	-4.8
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	88.9	88.8	90.4	0.1	-1.5
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	102.9	102.9	108.1	0.0	-5.2
ELECTRIC & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	94.8	95.3	98.7	-0.5	-3.9
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	59.5	59.4	60.3	0.1	-0.8
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	35.1	35.2	36.6	-0.1	-1.5
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	20.7	20.6	20.5	0.1	0.2
NONDURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	447.6	447.8	450.5	-0.2	-2.9
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	88.5	89.5	87.0	-1.0	1.5
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	0.8	0.9	1.7	-0.1	-0.9
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	31.1	30.9	30.6	0.2	0.5
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODS.	89.3	89.6	94.6	-0.3	-5.3
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	40.0	40.1	40.7	-0.1	-0.7
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	81.8	81.2	78.1	0.6	3.7
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	58.0	57.9	58.1	0.1	-0.1
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	10.7	10.2	11.2	0.5	-0.5
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	37.5	37.7	37.9	-0.2	-0.4
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	9.9	9.8	10.6	0.1	-0.7
NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3,842.8	3,773.7	3,720.4	69.1	122.4
MINING	31.8	31.1	34.2	0.7	-2.4
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	211.7	188.3	193.3	23.4	18.4
TRANSPORTATION	137.6	136.8	138.9	0.8	-1.3
PUBLIC UTILITIES	104.6	104.0	100.6	0.6	4.0
COMMUNICATIONS	50.5	50.2	47.4	0.3	3.1
ELECTRIC, GAS AND SANITARY	54.1	53.8	53.2	0.3	0.9
WHOLESALE TRADE	266.4	265.5	258.1	0.9	8.3
RETAIL TRADE	848.4	834.3	818.3	14.1	30.1
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	125.7	124.8	121.6	0.9	4.1
FINANCE,INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	285.3	282.2	273.3	3.1	12.0
BANKING	89.4	88.6	86.0	0.8	3.4
INSURANCE CARRIERS	82.2	81.8	78.2	0.4	4.0
SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS	1,263.9	1,239.5	1,212.1	24.4	51.8
BUSINESS SERVICES	211.9	206.4	196.8	5.5	15.1
HEALTH SERVICES	412.7	410.1	396.4	2.6	16.3
HOSPITALS	225.3	225.1	219.9	0.2	5.4
LEGAL SERVICES	35.8	35.6	33.1	0.2	2.7
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	153.4	150.1	148.8	3.3	4.6
SOCIAL SERVICES	81.1	80.8	76.1	0.3	5.0
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	58.2	58.5	56.0	-0.3	2.2
GOVERNMENT	693.1	692.0	691.6	1.1	1.5
FEDERAL	139.3	138.9	140.0	0.4	-0.7
STATE	152.9	152.5	152.6	0.4	0.3
LOCAL	400.9	400.6	399.0	0.3	1.9
PERSONS IN LABOR-MGMT. DISPUTES	2.0	1.5	2.3	0.5	-0.3

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND WEEKLY HOURS
MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL
PENNSYLVANIA: APRIL 1987, MARCH 1987 AND APRIL 1986
(Production Worker Averages)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
INDUSTRY	APRIL 1987 P/	MARCH 1987	APRIL 1986	APRIL 1987 P/	MARCH 1987	APRIL 1986	APRIL 1987 P/	MARCH 1987	APRIL 1986
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	396.80	400.32	387.43	40.0	40.6	39.9	9.92	9.86	9.71
DURABLE GOODS	437.13	439.49	427.35	41.2	41.5	40.7	10.61	10.59	10.50
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	356.14	349.44	309.64	42.6	42.0	38.9	8.36	8.32	7.96
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	341.60	356.83	334.07	40.0	41.3	38.8	8.54	8.64	8.61
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODS.	439.21	433.33	425.21	42.6	42.4	42.1	10.31	10.22	10.10
PRIMARY METALS	529.15	515.43	500.85	41.6	41.5	40.1	12.72	12.42	12.49
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	424.77	435.76	415.93	41.2	41.9	41.1	10.31	10.40	10.12
NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY	441.50	450.60	441.66	41.3	41.8	41.2	10.69	10.78	10.72
ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC MACH.	401.20	405.73	398.13	40.2	40.9	41.3	9.98	9.92	9.64
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	467.97	476.72	481.97	40.1	40.4	40.4	11.67	11.80	11.93
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PROD.	412.49	420.66	397.31	40.8	41.0	40.6	10.11	10.26	9.81
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	409.07	402.75	385.42	42.7	42.8	40.4	9.58	9.41	9.54
NONDURABLE GOODS	346.63	351.05	336.87	38.6	39.4	38.9	8.98	8.91	8.66
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	382.36	383.27	382.72	39.5	39.8	40.5	9.68	9.63	9.45
TOBACCO PRODUCTS	236.01	254.39	251.47	39.4	41.5	40.3	5.99	6.13	6.24
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	271.67	278.20	271.72	38.7	39.8	39.9	7.02	6.99	6.81
APPAREL AND RELATED PRODUCTS	198.06	205.21	200.41	33.4	34.9	34.2	5.93	5.88	5.86
PAPER PRODUCTS	456.82	464.90	434.42	43.3	43.9	42.3	10.55	10.59	10.27
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	419.54	425.46	407.09	39.1	39.8	39.6	10.73	10.69	10.28
CHEMICAL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	496.08	497.57	470.25	42.4	42.6	41.8	11.70	11.68	11.25
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	558.11	562.02	574.43	41.9	41.6	42.9	13.32	13.51	13.39
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	372.80	377.86	352.70	41.7	42.6	41.3	8.94	8.87	8.54
LEATHER PRODUCTS	220.21	220.43	206.42	36.1	36.8	35.9	6.10	5.99	5.75
SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES:									
ANTHRACITE COAL MINING	385.44	396.86	442.09	33.4	34.6	39.9	11.54	11.47	11.08
BITUMINOUS COAL MINING	609.83	608.32	559.95	40.2	40.1	38.3	15.17	15.17	14.62
COMMUNICATIONS	528.15	525.48	524.80	39.8	39.9	40.0	13.27	13.17	13.12
ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY	639.97	639.36	591.16	43.3	43.2	42.9	14.78	14.80	13.78
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	180.81	175.23	180.71	29.4	28.4	29.1	6.15	6.17	6.21

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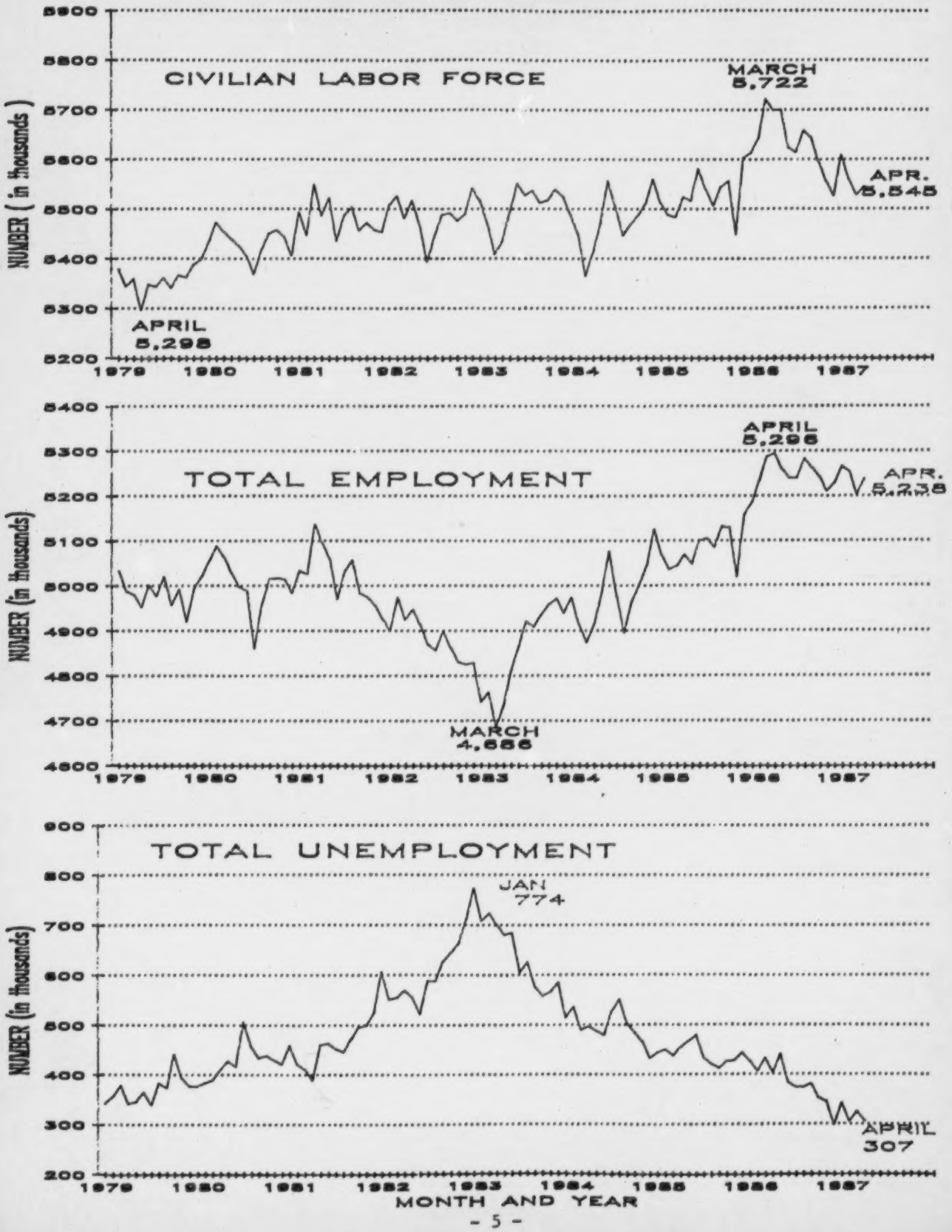

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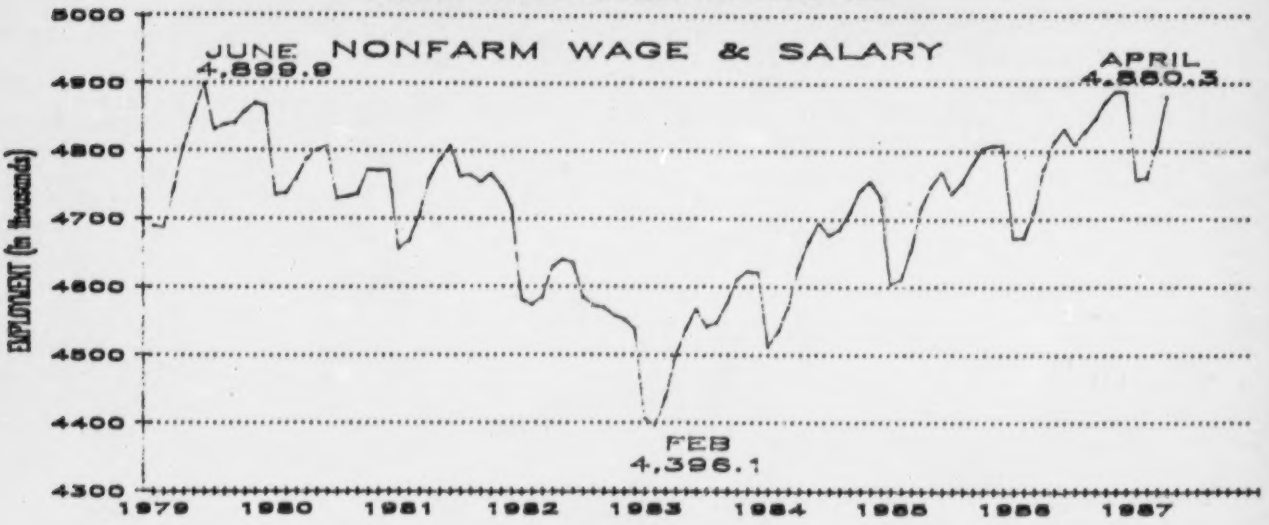

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